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Docket No.: 491712000100
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Eugene S. SMOTKIN

Application No.: 09/891,200

Filed: June 26, 2001

For: HYDROGEN PERMEABLE MEMBRANE FOR
USE IN FUEL CELLS, AND PARTIAL
REFORMATE FUEL CELL SYSTEM HAVING
REFORMING CATALYSTS IN THE ANODE
FUEL CELL COMPARTMENT
(amended below)

Art Unit: 1745

Examiner: Raymond Alejandro

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

MS RCE
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to a final Office Action herein, mailed 23 February 2004, time for response to which was set to expire 23 May 2004. A petition for an extension of time of two (2) months until 23 July 2004 is attached hereto, along with the required fee. Also accompanying this response is a Request for Continued Examination. The claims have been revised to more clearly set forth the invention. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the title of the application to read as follows:

--ELECTROLYTE COMPONENTS FOR USE IN FUEL CELLS--